Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any action taken when the Government perused the article in the newspapers ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We inquried into the matter from the authorities themselves.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were any final orders passed ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There was no necessity; because the school authorities themselves came to an amicable settlement. There was no necessity for any further action by the Department.

Officers who died in harness.

491. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers who died in harness to whose family Government have given pension or any allowance or proposed to be given with the amount sanctioned to each; will a copy of the list of such persons prepared by Government be placed on the table ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—General rules for the grant of gratuity in such cases have been framed and the preparation of the list of those that may become eligible for it is nearing completion.

Villages visited by Director of Public Health.

492. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of villages not served by car—visited by the Director of Public Health after he took charge of the department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A list of the villages visited by the Director of Public Health since he took charge is appended. (*Appendix III.*) Of these villages, some are accessible by car and some not. All places which required the personal inspection of the Director of Public Health have been visited by him in car, by walking or by boat according to circumstances.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the list the villages through which the car of the Director of Public Health passed are also included. I simply wanted to know the villages not served by car visited by the D. P. H. Can the Government give me an answer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These names are also in the list.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any special object in including these villages through which his car passed ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Absolutely no object. We could well have eliminated them.

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